



2001 Reserve

Schramsberg Reserve is our top Pinot Noir-focused brut sparkling wine. Typically representing about 3% of our annual production, this richly-flavored and full-bodied sparkler is made from only the finest base-wine lots produced each year. Six years old upon release, this fruitful, yet dry, toasty and creamy bubbly will age gracefully for a good 20 years beyond the vintage date.

More than 80 cool-climate vineyard sites in Carneros, Anderson Valley, and the Sonoma and Marin coastal areas are managed each year to achieve the best possible fruit for our sparkling wines. Hand-picking, early-morning harvesting, and light pressing are critical. Small amounts of select Chardonnay are included in the blend to lend additional backbone and length to the palate. Distinct barrel and malolactic fermentation lots are layered in to provide viscosity and depth. Extensive tasting is conducted over the winter months, with as many as 200 base wines being taken into consideration. Following bottle fermentation, each bottle is aged in contact with its own yeast in our historic Diamond Mountain hillside caves for a minimum of nearly five years. The finishing dosage is the result of comprehensive trials to fine-tune balance of flavor and acidity.

Our Reserve is well-suited with a main course, such as fruit-stuffed veal, pork tenderloin, roasted duck with mango, cedar-plank grilled salmon, and curried chicken salad. This flavorful bubbly also can be served as an apéritif with smoked oysters, caviar and such hard cheeses as aged Swiss Sbrinz, Sonoma Vella Jack or Irish Coolea.

Tasting Notes

“Spiced aromas of gingerbread and brioche lend density and richness to the varied fruitful notes of dried guava, peach and pear. Flavors of tangerine, mandarin orange and ruby red grapefruit deliver quenching, zestiness that melds comfortably with a creamy, caramelized essence that lingers with persistence on the palate.”

– Winemakers Hugh Davies and Keith Hock

Vintage Notes

In 2001, mild spring weather paved the way for a long growing season. Cool and foggy weather in June and July set the course for harvest to begin in mid-August, allowing some of the cool vineyard sources to mature into October. This weather dynamic produced Pinot Noir with ripe red fruit, refined tannins and lively acidity.



Varietal Composition:	70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay
County Composition:	33% Napa, 28% Mendocino, 20% Marin, 19% Sonoma,
Principal Pinot Noir Blocks:	
<i>Sonoma-Carneros:</i>	Ricci
<i>Sonoma-Anderson Valley:</i>	Corby
<i>Marin County:</i>	Stevens, Stubbs
<i>Napa-Carneros:</i>	Jones
Harvest Dates:	August 8 – October 2, 2001
Barrel Fermentation:	46%
Alcohol:	12.4%
TA:	0.97 g/100ml
pH:	3.10
RS:	1.16 g/100ml
Bottling Date:	April 25, 2002
Aging:	5 years, 3 months <i>sur lie</i>
Disgorgement Date:	August 6, 2007
Release Date:	November, 2007
Cases Produced:	2,232
Suggested Retail:	\$90

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